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TOPEKA, KANSAS MAN SENTENCED FOR BANK ROBBERY

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Stephen Ched Sanders**, 36, Topeka, Kansas, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Richard D. Rogers to **seven years in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release, and ordered to pay \$2,049 in restitution to the U.S. Bank.**

Melgren said that Sanders entered a guilty plea on June 2, 2003, to one count of bank robbery.

Melgren stated that Sanders admitted at his plea that on May 4, 2002, he entered the U.S. Bank, 1017 S.W. Gage, Topeka, Kansas, and gave the teller a note stating that he had a gun and a friend outside with an automatic weapon and for the teller to give him the money and he would not shoot. Sanders further admitted that the teller complied with his demands.

Co-defendant **Anjennette Laura Wetzel**, 33, Topeka, Kansas, entered a guilty plea on July 1, 2002, to one count of bank robbery and was sentenced on December 17, 2002, to eighteen months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release, and ordered to pay \$2,049 in restitution to the U.S. Bank.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Topeka Police Department and the FBI in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Hough in this prosecution.